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NEWS BRIEFS

ECU Stars puts hands, cell phones in the air

Robert Creech
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Stars talent show filled Wright Auditorium Sunday night with amazing performances and cheering crowds to kick off ECU's Weeks of Welcome.

A large crowd -- estimated at around 900 people -- gathered to see 13 gifted ECU students sing, with a few of them playing their own instruments.

The audience enjoyed a variety of musical genres, including R&B, country, several original compositions and even a performance of "A Whole New World" from Disney's "Aladdin."

Most members of the audience truly enjoyed themselves, with one person sitting in the back row commenting, "This is just like the Apollo."

The four winners were: Tevin Johnson, who performed Jamie Foxx's "Heaven"; Emily Griswold, performing "Gravity"; Megan Rhodes, performing "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus; and Roger Peery, who performed Dobie Gray's classic "Drift Away."

They were judged by a panel of judges composed of members of the ECU administration who included Provost Marilyn Sheerer, Senior Associate Dean of Admissions Tarrick Cox and Dean of Students Lynn Roeder.

The winners received the opportunity of performing Monday night at Pirate Palooza as their prize.

Cox said the contestants were judged on their talents and skills, and also on audience reaction.

After being selected by the judges, the four winners then stood before the audience to determine a first place winner.

It was decided using a sound meter that had been rumored to have been flown to Greenville especially for that purpose. With an audience reaction of a room-shaking 106 decibels, the outright winner of the contest was Tevin Johnson, a freshman from Lanham, Md.

Tevin, who has been singing since the age of four, said "it felt really good" singing in front of the ECU crowd. He plans on using his talent further his life, by majoring in classical vocal performance but that R&B is also very important to him.

He was not alone in reveling in the opportunity of performing at the contest either. Senior Michael Letchworth, who performed "I'll Be" by Edwin McCain, said, "It's a good feeling singing in front of so many people and hearing them clap and yell. It was something I had never done before. It was a big change from karaoke at a bar. But it was a good experience and I'm ready for the next one."

In addition to being entertained by the contestants, the audience was treated to a performance by the ECU Dance Team while the judges' votes were tallied.

This is the fourth ECU Stars contest. According to Lathan Turner, senior associate dean of students, the contest originated in a brainstorming session about events that could take place during Weeks of Welcome.

Turner said the competition brought a chance to "highlight talent from freshmen to seniors" on campus.

When asked if the program was a success, Turner replied, "Absolutely! We had a great crowd and fantastic contestants."

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ECUSTA is cutting routes and combining others to make the transit system more efficient and eco-friendly.

Transit Authority cuts routes to go green

Staff Reports

On Thursday, less than a week before classes would start, the ECU Student Transit Authority sent out an email to student announcing change to the system.

The email read, "ECU Student Transit Authority has made major changes to its service for the Fall 2009 semester. Riders who have used the transit system in the past should note almost all routes have undergone changes and some

areas will no longer receive any service." The email continued on by encouraging students and faculty alike to check their website for changes in schedules.

With the new schedules and bus routes Pirates will notice several changes in the day and night service provided by ECUSTA.

One of the biggest changes is the elimination of the 403 Silver route. In the online guide ECUSTA explains that the 403 was dropped because the usage was too low to support its own

bus line. The 401 Purple bus added Cannon Court, Eastbrook Apartments and Eastgate Apartments to their service and Village Green was moved to the 403 Brown bus. With the loss of the 403 Silver route, University Apartments, Eastern Elementary School, University Condominiums, Kingston Condominiums, Breckenridge Square and Twin Oaks were dropped from the schedule.

So how will the tenants of the apartments who were dropped from the bus lines get

to campus? The ECUSTA Web site suggests that "alternatives are available, such as walking to or parking close to another nearby bus stop still receiving service." For example, some of the stops serviced by the 403 are being picked up by the 401 Purple and 402 Brown instead.

Siyara Dobbs, senior, said it might not be convenient during peak class hours. Dobbs lives in Sunchase Apartments.

"There are a lot of people that have to get on the bus so it takes time and you're in traffic, so you

might get to campus when class starts rather than a few minutes before," said Dobbs.

Another big change for Pirates is the time change for the 900-series Pirate Express, which runs to the downtown area. The shuttle, which originally started at 10 p.m., will now be pushed back and not start until 11 p.m.

Director of ECUSTA, Woody Davidson, explained that all of the changes were

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IDF soldiers stand guard at a checkpoint at a barrier in Israel

Former TEC reporter experiences West Bank security

Carlton Purvis
NEWS EDITOR

On July 14, just two months after graduating with a degree in broadcast journalism from ECU, Nadiah Sarsour, along with four colleagues, were stopped for nearly an hour at an Israeli Defense Force checkpoint while headed to cover a story.

Sarsour, a former reporter for The East Carolinian, was in Palestine on vacation when she was offered a job with Al-Watan, a news agency in Ramallah -- a major Palestinian city on the West Bank.

The region ranks eighth for the number of journalists jailed in 2008, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, but Sarsour saw being in an area known for chronic conflict as a chance to learn journalism in an area with an abundance of

uncovered news.

"I was working with WITN, but I got an opportunity. As a news reporter, you don't say 'no' when you're in a place with a lot of action," she said. Within her first week of working with Al-Watan, she would witness the frustrations and the tensions that ride high along roads where Palestinians travel daily.

While traveling six miles northeast of Ramallah near the town of Surda, a line of cars filled a road where traffic usually flowed freely.

"As we got down further, we found out there was checkpoint. ...The road was full for miles and miles," she said. Sarsour said in the past there had been a checkpoint there, but not for years. Now one had been placed there again.

The checkpoint was a mobile checkpoint -- one that

could be placed quickly and removed when not in use.

Sarsour said she saw an opportunity for an impromptu story. She and the news crew she was traveling with passed the other cars to get to the front of the line to get footage for the report. As one of the cameramen prepared to film, Sarsour said an Israeli soldier approached them.

"One of the Israeli soldiers came forward and said we can't shoot anything," she said. "The videographer said we were just doing work. He (the soldier) forced us back into the car."

Jalil Roshandel, director of security studies at ECU said states are very protective regarding their security -- especially Israel, a state suffering from insecurity.

"States become very protective, and sometimes the

principles of democracy are not applied," he said.

Next, said Sarsour, the soldier asked them to give him the camera battery and videotape. When they refused he began hitting their vehicle with his rifle. They were stopped on the side of the road for more than an hour while they were verbally assaulted and harassed by the IDF, she said.

"Saying, 'We are just doing our work,' is not enough for a soldier whose main concern is security," said Roshandel -- security that includes making sure everyone is carrying the proper identification and credentials.

Captain Elie Isaacson, a spokesperson for the IDF, says there is no record of the incident, but to get through a checkpoint smoothly, journalists must have Government Press

Office credentials. According to their official Web site, the GPO is responsible for coordinating communication between the Israeli government and the press.

All journalists should have a journalist press card that shows they are allowed to work in the area. Isaacson said the record was checked and Sarsour was not a GPO cardholder. The East Carolinian was unable to confirm her press credentials by press time.

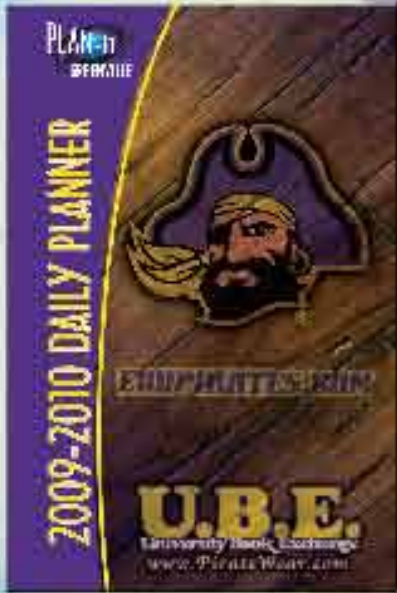
Sarsour and the news crew were finally allowed to leave when they threatened to report the delay to other news outlets. "We called our main office and told them to let everybody know we weren't being allowed to move and not being allowed to go," she said. The camera bat-

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Campus offices spent the summer readying themselves for another busy year.

Campus offices prepare for returning students

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Greenville and ECU are starting to be filled with Pirates once again as the student body begins the fall 2009 semester. In preparation for the return to school, many campus offices have been readying themselves for another busy year.

ECU's Campus Living office is getting ready to house nearly 5,000 students. Prior to the arrival of the students who are taking advantage of the on-campus housing, the campus living staff worked feverishly to make sure everything was in order. They have trained new staff, executed last minute work orders and made sure the rooms

were fully furnished.

In addition to the general annual tasks associated with making sure the rooms are suitable, many upgrades have been made to dormitories across campus since the spring semester. According to Aaron Lucier, director of operations for ECU's Housing Services, improvements have been made to White, Cotten, Garrett, Jones and Aycock Halls. In addition to new fire rated doors in Garrett Hall, there were upgrades done to both Garrett and White Hall to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. On Central Campus, Cotten Hall underwent major heat and air conditioning upgrades.

Finally, on College Hill, there

were new sprinkler systems, new flooring and new furniture placed in Jones and Aycock Halls. The construction is very apparent but it will not have much effect on the College Hill residents.

Aaron Lucier said, "It is making moving in to Jones and Aycock a bit more tricky, so we spread the move-in out differently on the hill. Overall, I think we have done a good job minimizing the impact."

College Hill is home to Todd Dining Hall, one of the many dining choices across campus. Students may choose from six different meal plans and take advantage of eating locations stretched throughout campus. The two main dining halls are Todd, on

College Hill, and West End, on west campus. These locations have also been working hard to ensure a smooth transition back into normal school hours. Along with hiring and training staff, location managers have had to order food based on meal plans sold and last year's trends.

Another on-campus office that has been ordering supplies prior to the arrival of students is Dowdy Student Stores. They ordered textbooks and hired temporary employees for the early semester rush. The temporary employees are necessary for the rush of students and for the extended business hours. For the first three days of school, the student stores will stay open until 8

p.m. Staying open late allows three extra hours per day for students to buy textbooks and supplies. The student stores have made a few changes prior to this semester beginning when compared to previous years. According to Wanda Scarborough, director of Dowdy Student Stores, "The biggest thing that we did differently this year was to process textbook reservation books on tax free weekend. This enabled the students to take advantage of the tax free holiday."

Scarborough noted that sales during the month of July were down from last year but there have still been a considerable number of books ordered online. Nearly 1,700 orders were processed and

ready to be picked up in the store while many others were shipped out beginning July 27. Not surprisingly, the beginning of the fall semester is the peak sales time for the student stores. But, Scarborough added, "All of the profits we make go for scholarships for students so every month is important!"

The on-campus facilities and services have done their part to allow students to make a smooth transition back into the school routine. It is time for the Pirate Nation to ready itself, as well, for another successful school year.

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The first round of scholars from the ECU Student Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy (SEOSA) were honored on June 22 in Willis Auditorium.

According to a press release issued by the Office of Engagement, Innovation and Economic Development, 10 student graduates were selected to work alongside a faculty member to create high-quality research projects.

Student scholars were nominated by a faculty member who graduated from the Spring 2009 EOSA.

The scholars worked with faculty members from the college of Allied Health Sciences, College of Human Ecology, College of Fine Arts and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Health and Human Performance and the Brody School of Medicine.

SEOSA scholar Alisha Flynn,

who worked with Rebecca Dumlao of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, created a project titled, "Communication by ECU Student Tutors and Site Coordinators Working with Project HEART." Flynn gained both a memorable and professional experience.

"The experience helped me academically by exposing me to hands-on research. It was interesting to see research from other fields and just work with grad students from other disciplines," Flynn said.

The research projects included "Understanding the Lived Experience and Meaning of Falls and Fear of Falling among Community-Dwelling Adults 65 Years and Older Living in Greenville, N.C.," "Partnering with Parents: The Development of a Community-Based Parent Training Program," "Understanding the Entrepreneurial Activities of Minority Small Business Owners" and "Identifying Meaning-

ful and Feasible Measures of Well-Being for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Dementias."

The Department of Occupational Therapy's Web site said the 2009 Academy was created to increase students' knowledge, motivation and capacity to work with various communities through service learning, partnerships and outreach.

Dr. Margie Gallagher, who was the event's main speaker, gave a presentation explaining the history of ECU's partnership with Greenville's Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center.

The Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center provides informational programs for residents who occupy west Greenville. The organization offers services to promote independence and self-sufficiency by enriching living conditions, increasing community involvement, social enrichment, educational opportunities and health awareness, according to the

"SEOSA was a wonderful opportunity and I hope more students can participate in the future."

ALISHA FLYNN,
SEOSA SCHOLAR

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While increasing community involvement along with uniting the Greenville community, future scholars will be given a rewarding opportunity.

"SEOSA was a wonderful opportunity and I hope more students can participate in the future," Flynn said.

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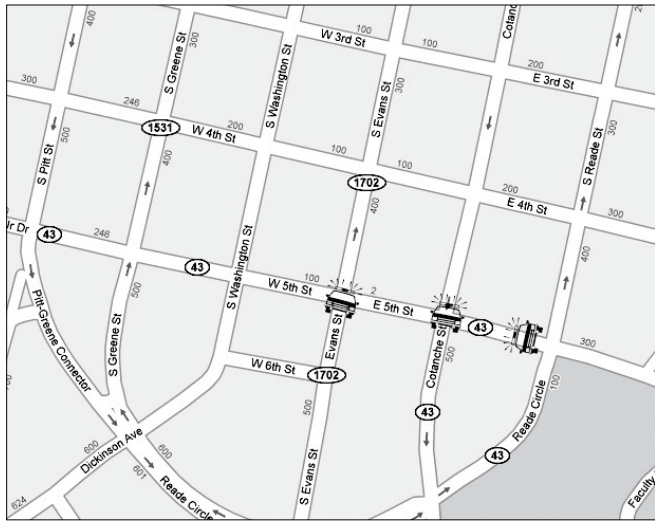
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July 4 - Richardson turns himself into police

July 7 — SGA holds Anti-Violence Walk through downtown.

July 8 - Greenville Police Department prohibit vehicles through downtown Greenville

Now: Wednesday through Saturday, barricades are placed from Fifth to Cotanche Streets, stretching to Fourth and Reade Streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.



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based on ridership. ECUSTA logged 53,000 hours of service last year but with the current budget had to cut 10% of their hours this year, which would be 5,000 hours. Davidson explained, "We tried to cut hours where there would be the least amount of impact and the Pirate Express has very low ridership at 10 p.m."

Other changes include a change of the Pirate's Cove hub

from Speight to Christenbury Gym and changes in pick-up intervals to better match peak class times at student complexes like The Bellamy, Copper Beach, University Suites and North Campus Crossing.

In a note on the ECUSTA fan page on Facebook they say the changes will lead to, "Better service, more efficient operations, fewer emissions and less depen-

dency on petroleum products.

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tery was confiscated by the IDF, but the crew left unharmed with their videotape.

"You find all kinds of people hanging out in war zones unfortunately ... people who are not registered to any sort of organizations or aren't registered journalists," Isaacson said in a telephone interview.

Isaacson said terrorists such as suicide bombers take advantage of Israel's free press and have in the past disguised themselves as members of the press by riding in cars with the letters "TV" on the top indicating they were part of a news crew.

By disguising themselves as media, terrorists gain access to people in protected areas. Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei survived an attack in 1981 when a bomb disguised as a tape recorder detonated in front of him before a speech.

Roshandel said Sarsour's incident might have been an overreac-

tion by security at the checkpoint and they should have more information from headquarters on how to deal with journalists in a more civilized way.

"At the minimum, they should have explained to her the situation and told her the local rules that apply," he said.

Isaacson said the checkpoints work to keep both the Israelis and the Palestinians safe and most journalists in the area are familiar with the Israel's policies, so there isn't usually a problem.

In 2000, there was a period of time where there were suicide bombings or terrorist attacks throughout the West Bank daily. Over time, the checkpoints were set up to try and limit the mobility of terrorists in the area.

According to Isaacson, setting up a mobile checkpoint in an area typically roadblock-free usually indicates some "specific intel about a certain terrorist or person traveling through the road."

He felt Sarsour's incident seemed unusual because it's not something the IDF typically does and because it doesn't seem it would serve any purpose.

Since the incident, Sarsour has chosen to stay in Ramallah and continue to work as correspondent for Al-Watan.

WITN news director, Stephanie Shoop, said Sarsour was a hardworking and dedicated employee in her time at WITN in Greenville. "We applaud Nadiah for her journalistic work in such a difficult arena, and we hope for her safety," she said.

For Sarsour, her first week on the job in the West Bank turned out to be a valuable experience in international relations.

"At most," said Roshandel, "an ECU graduate learned her first lesson in the practical world. Despite all you learn in a school, there is a lot to learn in practice."

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ECU drops to 30th in Victoria's Secret Pink challenge

Carlton Purvis
NEWS EDITOR

Each year, students, family members and fans vote for their favorite schools in an online battle of school spirit created by Victoria's Secret. ECU started in the top 25 but fell to 30th during the summer vacation.

The 25 schools with the most votes have the chance to see a new line of Pink clothing featuring their school mascot and logo.

Last October, junior Sara Kofalt created a Facebook group called "Vote for ECU to be in the Victoria's Secret Pink Collegiate Collection." She said she wanted to get the word out and collect more votes. Since then, the group has grown to more than 4,000 members.

"We should be in the top 25 and Carolina and State are in it, so if anything, we should be in it to beat them," said Kofalt.

Assistant Professor of Marketing, Christy Ashley, said Victoria's Secret's contest probably has three main goals: to create a buzz about the Pink product line by connecting people around the brand, to create an emotional connection between the target audience and the Pink line and to gather information for market research.

"Getting your audience to communicate on your behalf is likely to lead to more authentic,

more valued communications about your brand message than simply advertising your message. Since the current audience, of traditional college-aged students, is skeptical of traditional marketing communications and spends considerable time on social networking Web sites, their strategy makes sense to me," she said in an e-mail.

Ashley said students who vote are likely to have great pride in their school. In turn, "Sending the message that Pink 'loves' their school and identifies their school as a chosen school for a line of branded products is likely to build desire to own the products," she said.

The contest is also a clever marketing research strategy.

"Votes indicate the level of interest in a branded product line," said Ashley. "Victoria's Secret may have used their database of catalog orders, tracked which university IP addresses were accessing the Web site most frequently and used focus groups or surveys to gain additional insights. The votes may not translate into sales, but they certainly reflect and build awareness of the brand and interest in the product line."

ECU dropped from 28th to 30th in the month of August.

Kofalt said all it takes is word of mouth for ECU to get their lead back.

"Everyone at ECU has such big school spirit that I'm sure if more people know about it they would vote more," she said.

The biggest competition comes from a school slightly over half the size of ECU. According to their Web site, fall enrollment at The Rochester Institute of Technology in 2008 was 16,494. RIT is number one with 109,366 votes -- just six votes per person.

"I definitely think that we can get first place and beat them with as big as our school is. If more people would vote we could definitely get there," Kofalt said.

Amy Owen, manager of Greenville's Victoria's Secret, said Pink merchandise is already one of the big sellers at their store in the Colonial Mall but the introduction of ECU branded apparel would jump their Pink sales tremendously.

The Pink Class of 2009 included the University of Connecticut, the University of Central Florida, Rutgers University and Virginia Tech.

Voters are allowed to vote once a day per computer. Show your school spirit for ECU by visiting www.vspink.com/nominate_your_school.jsp and typing "East Carolina University" in the text box.

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Sarah Fish, senior, shops in the Pink section of Victoria's Secret.

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Dear Jane,

The Armadillo is coming!

The only reason I worked out five times a week this entire summer was to get ready for football season. We can't have fatties painting their stomachs purple and gold!! GO ECU!!

I was only looking you up because you got your roommate to try to talk to me. I'm not stupid, just so you know. And I've schemed longer than you have. I knew what was up, dear.

I missed ECU with a passion!

When did the Pirate Rants become an dating network?! Stop filling my awesome Pirate Rants with your sad pathetic "I can't find a great Christian companion"...Go to church, there will be tons of them there morons!!

I can't believe I go to class to make up Pirate Rants.

If the administration spent as much time solving problems as they do patting themselves on the back, maybe something might get accomplished.

So I'm about to enter my last year of undergrad and I'm SCARED S***LESS about what I'm going to do afterwards! Grad school? Teach For America? Wendy's? I better figure it out NOW!

To my sweetie in Iraq: I love you and miss you so much!

No matter how good looking he is just know that someone out there is tired of his BS

I just want to know what is going to happen to the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center now that the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equity, and the LWCC have been consolidated. Please, tell me that. And in any case, this really shows ECU's priorities.

For \$58, the plastic trash can that the city of Greenville made me buy for trash pick up services better come with two prostitutes and a cup of coffee.

I am so glad you finally got a job, but I know you won't REALLY be entering the real world since your dad still pays your rent, car payment, gas card, and grocery bill. AND since your parents own the apartment, your roommate's rent goes right into your pocket.

Jack Rogers are totally the new "it" sandal <3 and I'm in LOVE!

To all the sorority girls on campus: We're in this together no matter the letters! So BE NICE, ladies!

The 3 reasons I'm looking forward to school: 1- Pirate Palooza, 2- My sorority sisters <3, 3-SPRING BREAK! Hahaha

I've been dating my boyfriend for 4 years and he still hasn't asked me to marry him... FAIL!

Don't you just LOVE the new parking stickers?!

Dear best friend: Next time your kid brother is standing behind you reading my Facebook messages, please inform me of this before I talk about the lewd sexual acts I performed on my boyfriend. Thanks.

How come there are lesbian videos in the 'straight' section of YouPorn?

To all the freshmen: welcome to the PIRATE Nation!! AARRRRRH!

www.pirateout.com Dress like a Pirate for the ESPN Thursday night game vs. Va. Tech. Join on Facebook. http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=52326600875&ref=ts

Croatian renovation= FAIL

I name nights after the drunken adventures that occur. Since it's a new year, is it acceptable to repeat night names? I feel like there will be more than one "Bar-dancing Night" or even "Peeing in Street Night."

Is it bad that I am bringing an entire storage bin filled with shoes to college with me? 20 pairs isn't THAT much, right?

I bought a compass to help me through the five hour drive from my house to ECU. Overkill?

Ex boyfriend: Even though I have completely recovered from your tactless and insensitive breakup, I will not hesitate to plow you over with my truck if I happen to catch you crossing 10th street. Please don't take it personally.

Warning to all incoming freshmen! College boys are not as nice as they seem right now. Give it a month or two. You'll understand.

I was on Facebook chat with my friend, describing inappropriate activities that occurred with my ex. Then she told me her little brother had been behind her reading it and ran!

Did I really witness a girl pee outside of PB's Tuesday night? Then run away mooning the world?

Suggestion to ECU Campus Living...Go BACK TO THE OLD KEY SYSTEM...it worked soooooo much better!! Thank you ECU Student Body

I hope I have more smart people and less football players in my classes this semester!

Our View

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Downtown block-off: All-or-nothing

As of July 8 the Greenville Police Department has prohibited vehicles from driving through downtown Greenville in an attempt to increase public safety.

Every Wednesday through Saturday, barricades are placed from Fifth to Cotanche Streets, stretching to Fourth and Reade Streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

This action was inspired by a drive-by shooting that resulted in the deaths of an ECU student and the manager of Michelangelo's Pizza, which took place early morning on June 30.

At first glance, the block-off seems like a great idea. It appears as if the community has noticed a problem and is implementing a solution.

However, the reality of the blockade is nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction to an isolated incident. Yes, there was a shooting, but downtown Greenville does not have a history of drive-by shootings.

Blocking off these streets is neither efficient nor practical. It seems to be a nothing more than a superficial quick fix to give the illusion of a safer environment.

When you think about it, the men who were killed were slain at approximately 2 a.m. on a Tuesday. The current blockade system would not have prevented their untimely deaths.

If a blockade is a solution (and it's not) it needs to be in place throughout the week.

Most bars are open Sunday through Sunday, so people who frequent the downtown area are still at risk every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Truly, this blockade does nothing to prohibit crime. Citizens can still carry firearms and other weapons secretly into downtown.

Blocking off the streets does nothing but create one big all-around headache by prohibiting traffic only on certain nights of the week.

There has to be a better way to prevent violent acts from occurring downtown.

Perhaps an increase in the number of police present would be a better plan.

And in fact, increasing the police presence has been discussed. The plan is to increase the number of officers by six on Sunday through Tuesday and by eight on Wednesday through Saturday.

However, this still seems to be flawed. It makes no sense to have less police protection downtown on the nights without the blockade.

The number of present officers and the nights of the week that the blockade is set up is determined by the average number of people downtown on each night of the week. And yes, there are less people downtown on Sunday through Tuesday, but whether there is one person or 1,000 people, don't they all deserve the same level of protection?

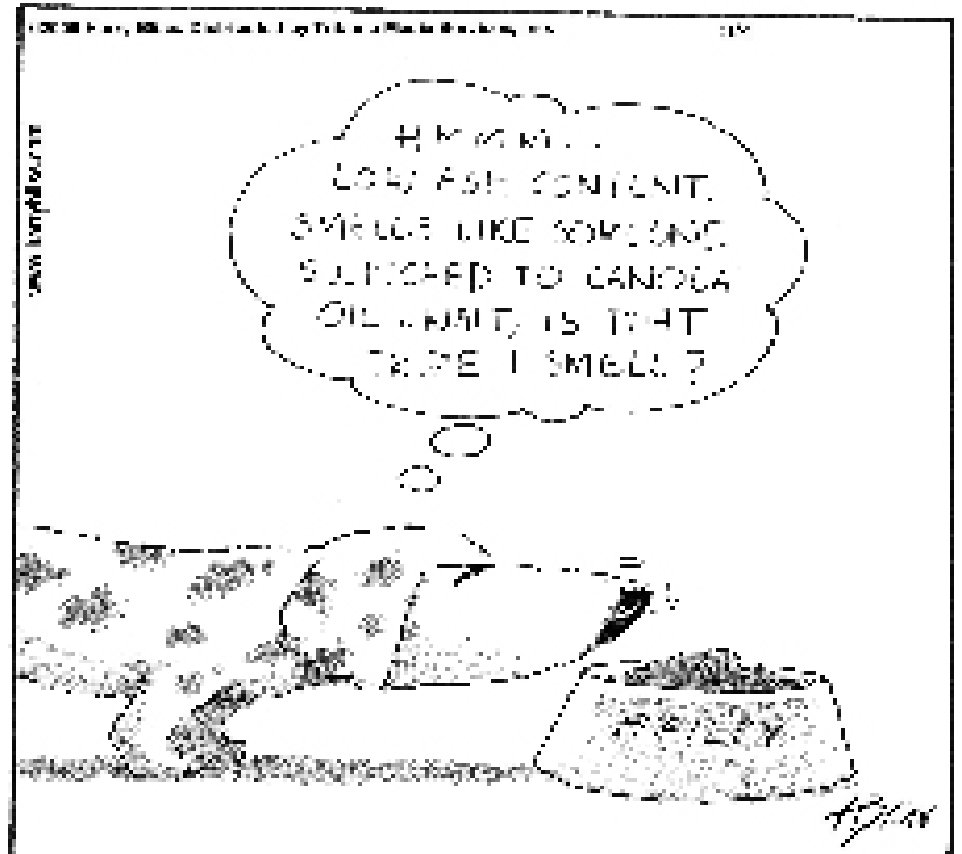
It all seems like a safety charade and as things are currently, having a blockade in place for part of the week is not cutting it. If someone was determined to commit a crime and use a vehicle as their method of escape, he would certainly plan his attack around the block-off.

What is the point inconveniencing the citizens of Greenville for only partial protection?

You guessed it — there is no point.

It's an issue of all-or-nothing.

So students, be aware (or possibly beware) you are not fully protected.



Obama's health care plan will solve nothing

Michael Pacheco
OPINION STAFF WRITER



He's said it before, and it was as absurd then as it is now.

In an article published by the Associated Press, Liz Sidoti quoted Obama on his urgency for health care overhaul.

Of course, being your atypical biased writer of news today, she manages to make Democrats the only prudent thinkers and the Republicans the bad guys who stand in the way of such reform.

One thing she was able to do is capture the very essence of Obama in his efforts to socialize and completely reform our health care system.

"We must lay a new foundation for future growth and prosperity, and a key pillar of a new foundation is health insurance reform," exclaims Obama, a pitch that comes as the Democratic-controlled Congress struggle to find the solution to Obama's request for government-run health care and our nation's dilemma.

He has also provided unnecessary relief that the unemployment rate has gone down. I'm not sure I'm willing to trust Obama's economic prognostica-

tions. After all, Obama predicted that unemployment wouldn't go above eight percent if we passed his \$787 billion in deficit "stimulus" spending.

The numbers have increased month after month, except for the month of July which showed a minute decrease. Not enough to sigh with relief about.

Those most recent unemployment numbers look hopeful for Obama, but remember that it's only lower because of the way the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates unemployment.

People who have been unemployed for a certain amount of time don't get counted in the unemployment numbers anymore. They're still unemployed. They didn't get jobs. They just don't count anymore. Obama's desired deficit spending on government health care is as likely to be as good for the economy as his deficit spending on the "economic stimulus" was. The whole idea that government health care could somehow be beneficial for the economy is based on Americans and businesses not having to pay for health care anymore, or not having to pay as much.

But remember that government health care wouldn't be funded by some magical pot of federal money found at the end of a rainbow. In order to give us government health

care, the government must take taxes from us first or borrow more money from China and Brazil which our children and grandchildren will pay for. Contrary to what Obama and his fellow liberals have to say about it, government-run health care wouldn't be cheaper than the health care we pay for now.

Per-patient spending in the Medicare and Medicaid systems over the last 40 years, from a Pacific Research Institute study, has grown significantly faster than per-patient spending in the private sector. And the government pays a lot more on per-patient health care costs for people on government health care than people in the private sector pay. Additionally, any government efforts to control health care costs are going to be directed at the amount of health care you use. That means rationing. Government health care would be a disaster for the economy. Just like the "stimulus" spending spree has been a disaster. Just like "cash for clunkers" has been a disaster. It's time we stopped listening to Obama.

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Text book renting is the way to go

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OPINION STAFF WRITER



By the time that you read this, you will have been to one of the book stores, gathered your text books and probably had a heart attack when you saw the bill, especially if you're a freshman.

Some are new and some are used. However, when the end of the semester comes, new and used copies have about the same return price, which is little compared to their original prices.

In light of how tight everyone's budget may be, and of how laptops are becoming a staple in the classroom for many students, why do we continue to purchase expensive text books?

An education is costly enough, and buying a book for close to \$100 that may only be used a few times during the course is outrageous.

However, since I study English, I do keep a few of my books from the classes that pertain to my major. I just do not want to buy a book for a class that will

be forgotten about after the final exam.

More universities, including this one, should adopt some sort of book rental or book exchange program.

For example, at the beginning of a semester, a student finds the books for her class, pays the rental fee and agrees to return the books by the time the semester ends or faces overage charges. If she wants to keep a book, then she can pay for full ownership.

For certain subjects, this concept works fairly well.

However, other subjects have new updates every year.

The publisher will update the text with the new material, making the return value of previous editions worthless, and the new text will remain unchanged for only a year or two. Publishers that update annually, or in some cases rehash the current edition with a different cover, new pictures and added or removed text material put a strain on the environment.

I don't have the exact figures, but is it really worth all the natural resources it takes to produce a book that is 90 percent the same as the previous edition?

This is where I see the use of modern technology as a part of the solution for deforestation. I would rather there be one solid, unchanged edition for a text book and a CD or digital download for all of the new material to be released.

I believe that education should be affordable in order to encourage people to take the opportunity.

However, I know that in capitalistic societies, money allows opportunities like attending college. College is necessary in order to train and eventually work and give back to a field of study after graduation.

While I am grateful to be in a fine university like ECU, I still think that there are ways in order for me to receive a full education without it coming back to haunt me once I have to start paying off my college loans.

A rental book program or a new mainstream format would serve to be very beneficial and cost efficient.

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A hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom.

BOB DYLAN

Scribbles to the Captain

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ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Early this week a delightful flirtation or new romantic attraction may captivate attention. Some Aries natives may also encounter a surprising proposal from an old friend or lover. If so, carefully consider all risks. Yesterday will provide no emotional answers.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
Friends or close colleagues may this week publicly challenge your suggestions or group plans. Areas of concern may involve minor jealousies or recent social changes. Avoid bold discussions and expect others to privately resolve their own problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Business rivals will now defer to your experience and creativity. Late Tuesday expect a brief but intense wave of social attention or fast workplace discussion. Previously criticized team plans will be seriously considered. Watch key documents for small errors.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Home discussions and parent/child relationships are accentuated over the next few days. Early Tuesday loved ones may offer a surprising glimpse into their deepest feelings or long-term aspirations. Positive family or social choices will soon offer greater confidence. Stay open.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A close friend or relative may now openly discuss an ongoing romantic dispute or wave of family pressure. If so, avoid offering strong opinions; others will respond to sympathetic guidance over practical solutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Complex financial documents and demanding business schedules may cause tensions this week. Facts, figures and legal permissions will now require careful definition. Refused to be dissuaded. Before mid-September work projects will be revised and finalized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Intimate discussions and new social boundaries are accentuated this week. After Tuesday expect both friends and lovers to ask for key decisions or emotional clarity. Find positive ways to express your deeper thoughts. Honesty will provide obvious solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Late Monday a friend or colleague may ask for extra attention or a public display of loyalty. Private fears and minor jealousies are now deeply felt. In the coming weeks expect quick discussions and changed social plans. All is well, so not to worry. Do, however, stay focused and remind others of their emotional obligations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Rely this week on trusted skills and business methods. At present work officials and older colleagues are carefully studying the abilities of others. Watch procedures and detailed paperwork for minor mistakes and expect time sensitive duties to soon be evaluated or debated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Difficult business tasks may now require diplomacy. Before mid-week expect relations with new colleagues to be confusing or mildly strained. Unusual criticisms or misinformation may be an ongoing theme. If so, watch for public policy and reliable work methods to provide meaningful direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Work relations may be surprisingly candid this week. Watch for bosses or managers to discuss unusual facts, opinions or ideas. Remain cautious, however, and wait for controversial financial information or private business tactics to soon become public knowledge.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Co-workers or new business partners may now challenge trusted workplace methods. This week you may be wise to avoid group discussions or new requests for your assistance. At present both friends and colleagues may need to distract attention from their own mistakes.

DIVERSIONS

Pirates & Salty Wenches

"Pirates and Salty Wenches" is featured in the "Diversions" section of the East Carolinian. Questions regarding "Pirates and Salty Wenches" can be directed to Katelyn Crouse, Editor in Chief, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Vivian Stockton

SEX AND RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

My name is Vivian Stockton and I will be your guide to good sex at ECU.

Sex and relationship columns are on the rise in college papers so we're jumping at the chance to rock the boat and spice things up.

I want you all to be aware of a few things about my column before it appears in TEC:

Pirates and Salty Wenches will print each Thursday in the Opinion section of TEC.

Every column will address a different issue ranging from how to make the most of it when sailing solo to the best ways to seal the deal or just something interesting that I have learned while being at ECU.

All names, unless permission has been granted, will be changed to protect the guilty. And if by chance you think I'm talking about you, I probably am. I only hope for the sake of your pride that you were as good as you thought you were.

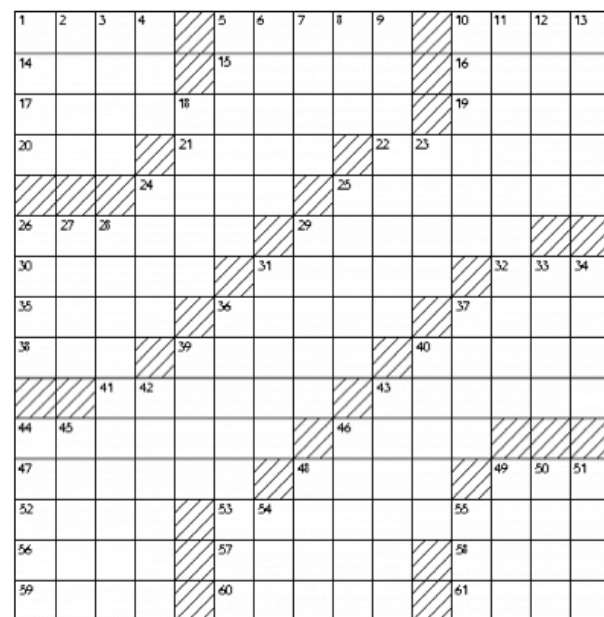
Keep in mind this is merely for entertainment purposes. I've been a student at ECU for the past three years and I have worked in an adult store for nearly a year now, so I feel that I have developed quite the sex repertoire and would like to share my tales of woe and ecstasy in hopes of helping out my lovely schoolmates. So you can take everything that I say with a grain of salt, but trust that I don't want to lead my fellow Pirates to anything other than a satisfying tryst.

So everyone keep an eye out for the first official Pirates and Salty Wenches Thursday, Sept. 3!

Enjoy your first week back to school. Now get out there and have fun, get some booty but remember to be safe!
GO PIRATES!

ACROSS

1. Therefore
5. Came up
10. Historical periods
14. Henhouse
15. Start
16. Apartment payment
17. A large African antelope
19. Wise men
20. Refinable rock
21. Stow, as cargo
22. Plunderer
24. Piquant
25. Social department
26. Quirkiness
29. Hang around
30. Ganders and goslings
31. Banknotes
32. Third person pronoun female
35. Charge per unit
36. Melodies
37. Wearing footwear
38. Before
39. Measured amounts of medication
40. Assuredness
41. Grinned
43. Moisten
44. Reasons behind actions
46. Lack of difficulty
47. Found at the end of a pencil
48. Part of a foot
49. Resort
52. Claim
53. The act of adding notes
56. Competent
57. Destitute
58. Chocolate cookie
59. Tells untruths
60. What you dry yourself with
61. Prefix meaning "After" or "Beyond"



DOWN

1. Reflected sound
2. Lion sound
3. Former vice-president AI
4. Choose
5. The office of an abbot
6. Wheezy
7. Arch type
8. Not a bro
9. Viscera
10. Shorttail weasel
11. The audience of a book or newspaper
12. Ire
13. Mixes
18. Cheer up
23. Picnic insects
24. Ascend
25. Double agents
26. Monster
27. Honey
28. Abhorrent
29. Delineated
31. Public transit vehicles
33. A flexible tube
34. Biblical garden
36. Patient of
37. Several
39. Plunge
40. Ottoman title
42. Omits
43. Extremity
44. An award, usually for bravery
45. Small African antelope
46. Chip away at
48. Once again
49. A title of address
50. Writer of verse
51. Dwarf buffalo
54. Prefix meaning "New"
55. A male cat

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Club Sports Information / Recruitment, SRC Concourse	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Club Sports Demo, Court 1	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Climbing Wall Instruction, Climbing Wall	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Group Fitness Meet & Greet / Super Class, Courts 1 & 2	7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
Juice Bar Smoothie Samples	

20 Secrets That Every Freshmen Pirate Should Know

Katie Stoneback

FEATURES EDITOR

1. Pirate Bucks: RUN OUT!
2. www.half.com: Web site to buy and sell your textbooks cheap.
3. www.ratemyprofessor.com: A place to go and read about your professors before you sign up for their class.
4. Weeks of Welcome: Friday, Aug. 21 to Sunday, Aug. 30; events to help students adapt to ECU.
5. Volunteer: COAD and most health classes give extra credit for volunteering, so get it finished early. The volunteer and learning center is located in the middle of campus at the Old Cafeteria Complex.
6. Rush week for Sororities is Saturday, Sept. 12 through Friday, Sept. 18. Sunday, Sept. 20 through Wednesday, Sept. 23 is RUSH week for Fraternities.
7. The Writing Center hub is located in Joyner Library and is there to help edit papers.
8. The Pirate Tutoring Center is held in Joyner Library on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and offers help in over 30 subjects.
9. The clock tower at Joyner Library has a joker, clown, horns and a cannon that come out and perform at different times of the day.
10. 4th quarter is "No Quarter" at football games.
11. After the pirates get a first down, the crowd says "ARRGH".
12. Make sure to park in visitor spots at apartment complexes, or you will get towed.
13. Go on to www.theeastcarolinian.com to submit pirate rants.
14. There are over 275 student-led organizations — get involved.
15. If you park an unregistered car on campus, it is a \$35 fine. Parking in an unauthorized zone is a \$25 fine.
16. Pirate Radio is WZMB 91.3.
17. Campus 31 is the Pirate TV station available to all students on campus, and runs programs that students have written and produced.
18. Many Facebook parties end up getting busted.
19. Very few people go downtown before 12.
20. Drinking in your dorm can get you a drinking ticket, cause you to take an online alcohol class, pay \$25 for 2 alcohol sessions and ultimately get you kicked out of your dorm.

Did You Know?

Almonds are members of the peach family.

Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law that stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.

In every episode of "Seinfeld" there is a Superman somewhere.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

If you keep a Goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.

The cells that make up the antlers of a moose are the fastest growing animal cells in nature.

A cockroach can live 9 days without its head before it starves to death.

A hippo can run faster than a man can.

Flies jump backward when they take off.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 in China in 1910.

On average, 100 people choke to death

Sigma Phi Epsilon house comes full circle

Caitlin Hale
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Aug. 21, Sigma Phi Epsilon held an open house to welcome the fraternity's new house to ECU. The program, entitled "Sigma Phi Epsilon House Reopening: A Renewed Focus on Safety," was sponsored by the ECU Student Government Association and the Interfraternity Council.

The new addition to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house was constructed after a fire ravaged the "back house" on Jan. 30 of this year. The "back house" was the two-story house located behind the main house that was being leased by the fraternity. A faulty electrical outlet located in the front of the house caused the fire.

Rescue officials received the call reporting the fire at 6:23 a.m. and 10 Greenville Fire and Rescue units arrived at the house, located on Summit Street, four minutes later.

The fire was declared contained at approximately 10:30 a.m.; however, fire officials remained on the scene for the majority of the day investigating the cause of the fire and its point of origin.

Doug Branch, Battalion Chief of the Life and Safety Division for Greenville Fire and Rescue, later reported to The East Carolinian that the fire most likely started five to 10 minutes before the 911 call was received. He went on to say that the house was a "total loss."

Nine residents, as well as four overnight guests, were present in the "back house" when it caught fire. Students escaped by way of the rooftop, windows, doors and the porch. Only one student was injured and was quickly transported to Pitt County Memorial Hospital by a Greenville EMS unit. Officials later reported that the student suffered a second-degree burn on his knee.

Sadly, all of the residents' possessions burned in the fire. This included books, clothes and even laptops. Also, two cars parked outside the house were severely damaged.

Almost immediately, the community began to assist the victims of the fire. The Red Cross Disaster Relief Unit arrived at the house around 7:30 a.m. and began providing food and beverages to the rescue workers and the victims. Clothes were also provided by the Red Cross Disaster Relief to the residences of the house as well as to their guests.

On Feb. 2, the ECU Greek System and the alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon opened an account, known as the "Sigma Phi Epsilon Fire Relief Fund," to assist the nine residents who were living in the house at the time of the fire.

Interfraternity Council President Patrick Sebastian commented on the fund earlier this year. "The fund is about helping the nine men who were the victims of a fire that destroyed nearly everything they have at ECU. They had all of their clothes, school

materials and computers destroyed in the fire. The best thing we can do for them is to help them rebuild their lives here at ECU by helping replace all of their possessions," said Sebastian.

The donations collected by the fund were split nine ways between the residents that lived in the house.

The residents of the "back house" were also provided with loaned books until the semester closed. In addition, the Greenville community supplied the boys with a multitude of clothing items.

Spencer Barrick, one of the nine residents who lived in the "back house," reported that ECU was also very involved in assisting the brothers that lived in the house in their time of need. "Everyone at school helped out tremendously. Sororities, fraternities and students donated clothing, toiletry items and all of the essentials," he said. Barrick went on to say, "[but] it was a whole community effort."

With the reopening of the house, it is obvious that the donations from the community, the ECU campus, the alumni and all others involved have tremendously paid off.

The new Sigma Phi Epsilon house has undergone major changes that make the house much more up-to-date when it comes to safety. The new house contains approximately 150 sprinkler heads, whereas the old house had none. Dean of Students Lynn Roeder reported that if there were a sprinkler system installed in the old house, the fraternity brothers would have been "cleaning up a lot of water" instead of replacing possessions and searching for a new home.

A new alarm system was also installed that would sound throughout the entire house should there be another fire. Another major benefit of the new alarm system is that the Greenville Fire-Rescue will automatically be notified should the alarm be triggered.



The Sig Ep backhouse reopens Friday August 21 after being completely rebuilt following a fire that destroyed the house in January.

ASHLEY YARBER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Sigma Phi Epsilon house, which was once two separate buildings, has now been constructed into one. This makes the Sigma Phi Epsilon house one of the largest Greek houses on campus.

The fraternity held an open house from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with an informational session starting at 5 p.m. Speakers of the program included Patrick Sebastian; Ryan Harris, the Sigma Phi Epsilon president; Matt Brooks, a Sigma Phi Epsilon member who lived in the house at the time of the fire and Student Government Association President Brad Congleton.

Ryan Harris started off by sincerely thanking all of those involved for all of their help and support. Harris wanted to specifically recognize Dr. Lynn Roeder, the Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni, the fraternity's chapter adviser Benjie Minton, the Greek community, ECU as a whole and the Greenville community.

"None of you had to do it, but you did," Harris said.

He went on to add, "It just amazed me how such a good thing could come out of such a bad thing." Also adding that he and the fraternity brothers were "ecstatic" when they learned the new house was going to be constructed, and that seeing the

house now was "self-satisfying."

Harris then introduced Matt Brooks by recognizing Brooks for banging on all the doors he could to try to alert his fraternity brothers when he awoke to find his home on fire.

Brooks earnestly thanked the members of his fraternity and said the fire had brought them closer together.

He concluded by adding, "I would like to say thank you to all those who came out and supported us today."

The final speaker, Brad Congleton, encouraged the fraternity's classmates to promote safety on and off campus. "I challenge all students to learn the lessons this fire taught."

With many family members, classmates, alumni and members of the community present, the Sigma Phi Epsilon open house and informational session was a huge success. Other guests included Chancellor Steve Ballard, Dean of Students Lynn Roeder and Mayor Pat Dunn.

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PIRATE EATS



Making a Difference 1 million meals at a time

ECU Pirates help stop hunger in Nicaragua

Veronica Carrington
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of volunteers from area universities are making a difference in the lives of thousands of underprivileged individuals, 1 million meals at a time.

The University Million Meal Week is an event that truly addresses the global issue of hunger by packaging nutritious meals and sending them around the globe. The parent organization Stop Hunger Now is an international relief organization that partners with other organizations around the world and specializes in large-scale feeding and education programs.

Stop Hunger Now partners with organizations that focus on educating and advancing those who may not have the resources to get ahead in life, helping in areas dealing with vocational training for adults, literacy for children and natural resource stewardship.

It seeks to help the disadvantaged break the cycle of poverty while being nurtured with the food and services offered by the organization.

Stop Hunger Now was founded 11 years ago by Ray Buchanan a United Methodist Pastor who saw the issue of hunger and wanted to take a stand. However, this is only the third year for the meal-packaging program. The Million Meals Week started five years ago with N.C. State University and has now expanded to ECU, UNC Chapel Hill and UNC Wilmington. This event allows Stop Hunger Now to engage over 4,000 student volunteers in the fight against global hunger.

The event is not just about the food, this event gets the hands and hearts of the students and volunteers involved in a truly global



Student volunteers pack up and ship out meals being sent to the hungry in Nicaragua.

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problem. The meals go to Mission of Hope in Haiti, Haiti Outreach Ministries, Feed the Hungry and The Orphan Network in Nicaragua. ECU's meals are being sent to Nicaragua to help fulfill the mission of giving orphans a fighting chance to realize their full potential.

Rick Kearney, a Stop Hunger Now representative states, "These meals will feed those in need, but the message of hope and dedication of those individuals packaging the meals is incredible."

The meals consist of rice, textured soy; dehydrated vegetables and a vitamin-fortified flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and nutrients. Each meal provides a reasonable serving for six adults

ally changing the world." Barrett stated.

Last year, more universities were involved and succeed in packaging 1,010,374 meals in one day. Though fewer universities are involved, students still feel optimistic that they will be able to accomplish even more and maybe in less time.

Evan Hatch, a senior biochemistry major, recently returned from Nicaragua and actually saw the children he would be helping first hand. When asked why he was involved in service, Hatch stated, "Service is a life-long thing. I believe that you get more back when you give."

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"I love that I'm helping others, and it feels good to know that I am leading a group that is literally changing the world."

-Phylecia Barrett

For Kearney, the cost is not the issue. "The fact that I am involved in something greater than myself lets me know that one person can truly make a difference in the world," Kearney stated. Not only do adults feel the benefit of volunteering, but ECU students dedicated to the cause turned out in the thousands to help Stop Hunger Now feed the needy.

Senior accounting Major Phylecia Barrett states, "I'm helping others but I am also leading those around me in something really great and much bigger than myself. It feels good." Not only were the students recruited as volunteers, but like Barrett, some students were given the added responsibility of guiding and leading small groups in order to package the meals efficiently.

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Miss USA among top 10 Miss Universe finalists

NASSAU, BAHAMAS (AP)

Miss USA was chosen Sunday as one of the top 10 finalists vying for the Miss Universe crown.

Kristen Dalton joined finalists from Puerto Rico, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Kosovo, Australia, France, Switzerland, South Africa, and Venezuela.

"I think this is the most beautiful group of women I've ever seen," pageant co-owner Donald Trump told reporters. "In the old days, you got what you got. Now, Trump picks them. It makes a big difference."

The 15 finalists appeared in bathing suits before the final 10 were chosen for the evening gown

segment. The final five will take questions from the judges.

The beauty queens thrilled tourists as they prepared Sunday before the Miss Universe pageant, pausing to wave and smile for fans gathered at the Atlantis Hotel. Bystanders raised cameras or hoisted children on their shoulders for a better view.

Many contestants have suffered from dehydration in recent weeks, and Jewel Selver, Miss Turks and Caicos, went home Saturday to recuperate, said Esther Swan, Miss Universe spokeswoman.

A winner will be crowned by the reigning Miss Universe Dayana Mendoza of Venezuela.

The televised event includes musical performances by Flo Rida, Heidi Montag, David Guetta and Kelly Rowland.

Hosts are Billy Bush, co-anchor of "Access Hollywood," and Claudia Jordan, former Miss Rhode Island USA who has appeared on several TV shows. Judges include actor Dean Cain and supermodel Valeria Mazza.

"Inglourious Basterds" Review

Katie Taylor
STAFF WRITER

Exciting plot twists, explicit violence and quality character development are all wrapped up nicely in Quentin Tarantino's latest endeavor, "Inglourious Basterds." Tarantino's best film since "Pulp Fiction," "Inglourious Basterds" is a definite must-see movie.

Broken into "chapters" and set during World War II in Nazi occupied France, the film begins in the French countryside. The tension mounts in the very first scene as gentle dairy farmer Perrier LaPadite (played by French actor Denis Menochet) is interrogated in his home by Nazi Colonel Hans Landa.

Landa (played by Austrian actor Christoph Waltz), whom the French have nicknamed "The Jew Hunter," is trying to oust French Jews out of hiding and is certain that LaPadite is harboring Jews in his house. The interrogation scene hearkens back to the brilliantly cruel interrogation of Dennis Hopper by Christopher Walken in Tarantino's 1993 film "True Romance."

The proceeding chapter of "Inglourious Basterds" opens on boisterous U.S. Army Lieutenant Aldo Raine. Raine, who is played by Brad Pitt ("The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Fight Club") is enlisting Jewish soldiers to join in a special operative known as "The Basterds." The role of The Basterds is to kill as many Nazis as possible, in a brutal fashion that will frighten and serve as a warning to other Nazis of the relentless pur-



Winners of the Best Actor award of "Inglourious Basterds," attends the closing ceremony of the 62nd Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France.

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suit of the U.S. against Germany.

Pitt dons a southern accent to play the comical yet determined Lieutenant Raine. Addressing his new recruits, Raine informs them that he is part Apache. In the tradition of his Native American ancestry, he tells his troops they will be collecting the scalps of the Nazis they kill. He charges each soldier to collect 100 Nazi scalps,

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delivering what is sure to become a classic movie line: "And I WANT my scalps!"

The Basterds are seen later in the movie, savagely scalping Nazis in France. One of the Basterds who has earned the nickname "The Bear Jew," is shown beating a Nazi general to death with a baseball bat.

Raine puts his own special mark on the Nazis they don't kill by carving swastikas into their foreheads with a huge hunting knife. His reasoning behind this is that these Nazis will be branded until they die. He calls the swastika carvings a "uniform they can't ever take off."

After The Basterds gain notoriety through the Nazi nation, the movie cuts to where we find Jewish Frenchwoman Shosanna Dreyfus. Shosanna, played by French actress Melanie Laurent, is posing as a gentle named Emanuelle who owns a French cinema. Shosanna is wooed by a reknowned actor and Nazi named Fredrick Zoller, played by

German actor, Daniel Bruhl.

Zoller becomes the key to Shosanna's plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler and his high-ranking Nazis including Joseph Goebbles and Hermann Goering.

The Basterds come back into play by posing, unsuccessfully, as Nazi soldiers to attend a Nazi movie premiere at "Emanuelle's" theatre.

Tarantino does an excellent job in this film portraying the political tensions between Germany, France and the U.S., and between the Nazis and Jews.

The role of The Basterds and the assassination attempt on Hitler, Goebbles and Goering are historically inaccurate but classic Tarantino fiction nonetheless.

Despite the fact that the film is blatantly anti-Nazi and American directed, Tarrantino couldn't have picked better actors for the German cast. German actress Diane Kruger gives the best performance of all as Bridget von Hammersmark, who

is a German actress and Ally sympathizer who helps the Basterds in their assassination plan for Hitler, Goebbles and Goering.

Austrian native Christoph Waltz plays the brilliant yet vicious Colonel Hans Landa who is nicknamed "The Jew Hunter." Landa has been assigned to uncover underground French Jews and exterminate them. Waltz's performance as Landa is outstanding. He pulls off the cold, calculating role of a Nazi colonel very well. Also, Landa speaks fluent English, German, French and Italian throughout the film with immaculate accents for the respective foreign languages.


Brad Pitt's performance as Lieutenant Aldo Raine is done with a comical bravado. However, for this particular film his acting prowess is outshone by the acting skills of Kruger and Waltz.

Other well-known American actors appear in the film as well. B.J. Novak ("The Office") appears


as Basterd soldier Smithson Utovich. Mike Meyers ("Wayne's World," "Austin Powers") makes a cameo as British General Ed Fenech.

Historical inaccuracies aside, "Inglorious Basterds" is an entertaining and well-developed film, good enough to be watched more than once.

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scrambled eggs. The food is priced above dollar menu, but fairly competitively for a non-chain restaurant with most meals priced over \$5, but under \$10. If you get brunch to go, it is not a per-pound price, so you will pay the same as if you ate in. Total without a drink was \$9.62 and I made a few trips to the buffet. The Teapot offers made-to-order food and might not be a good place to go if you are in a huge rush.

The Listening Room bar offers alcoholic beverages and additional dining room seating. That space can also be rented for parties. A new feature is what they have affectionately called "Appy Hour," free appetizer being served with a beer or wine purchase in the Listening Room, Wednesday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. In addition to the food items, they also offer handmade

crafts, jewelry, candles, teapots, loose tea and various used books for sale.

Access from both Evans and the parking lot at Fourth and Cotanche is available, along with outdoor dining options at both entrances. The Teapot is quiet enough to have a conversation, so if you are looking for a place to catch up with a friend, consider here. They are open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, with brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reviews have been posted on Web sites including Urbanspoon.com, Insiderpages.com and Teamap.com.

They also offer entertainment — you can check their MySpace page, www.myspace.com/tipsyteapot, or call 252-413-0087 for the schedule. I became more aware of the entertainment aspect through poets Maria and Ayesha Quanette, also from musicians The Clean Escape. In addition to the poetry and music, they have comedy and show foreign films. Ticket prices vary by event — some events are free — and can be found in the schedule.

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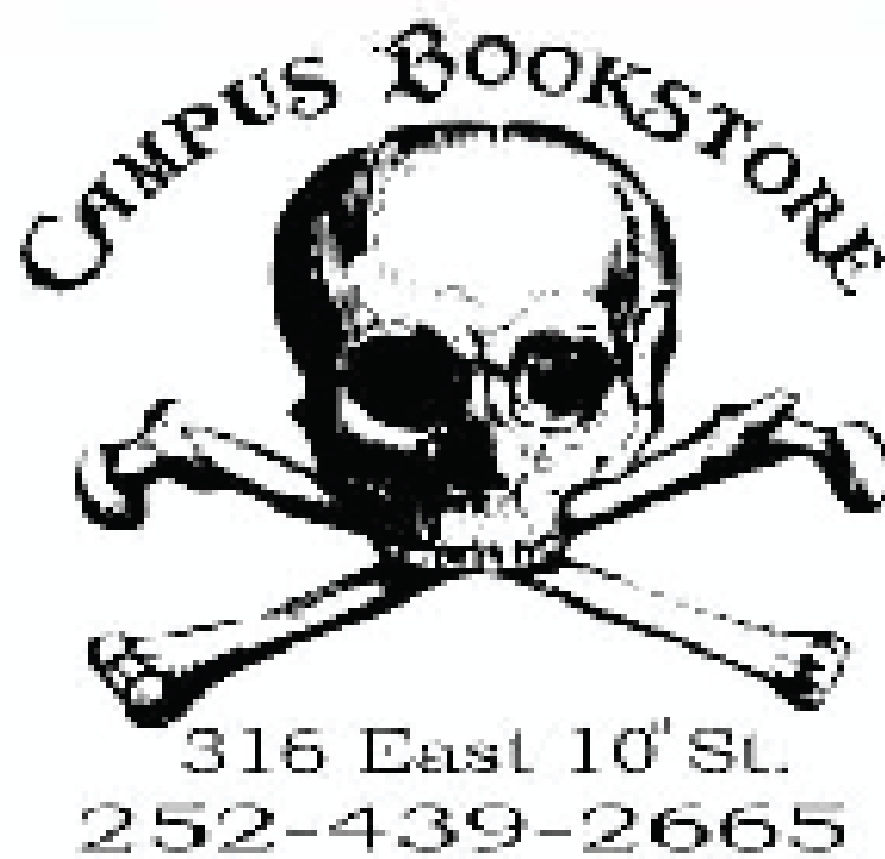
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Roller named to Cape All-League Team

ECU designated hitter Kyle Roller continued to pick up summer honors this week when he was named to the 2009 Cape Cod All-League Team after helping the Bourne Braves claim their first ever CCBL Championship.

Roller, who became the second player in the history of the Cape to be named the regular season and post-season MVP, batted .500 (7-for-14) with eight RBI and scored six runs in the Braves perfect 4-0 playoff run to the title. In game two of the West Divisional Championship, Roller drove in three RBI and followed that game with a 4-RBI performance in game one of the league championship.

As an All-Star first baseman, Roller, the league's only two-time CCBL Coca-Cola Player of the Week selection, led the CCBL in home runs (10), RBI (33), doubles (13), slugging percentage (.644), extra-base hits (24), total bases (96) and runs scored (33) and ranked second in batting (.342), hits (51) and on-base percentage (.449).

Roller joins former teammate Trent Ashcraft (2008) as the only Pirates to be selected to the CCBL All-League team.

Athletic training alumni save a life

If not for the quick thinking and swift action of Eric Hall, Brent Dorenkamp and Mark Mooney, Cary High School football player Michael White may not be around to enjoy his sophomore season of football.

In a recent scrimmage held at Wakefield High School, the three ECU athletic training alumni and current employees of Wakefield, Cary and East Wake High Schools saw White collapse on the sidelines and sprung into action. The trio cut off his pads and facemask, utilized a defibrillator and provided CPR in order to revive him. White was listed in critical condition that evening but was upgraded the next day.

ECU owns a strong tradition in the athletic training field, as its students consistently earn full-time positions and internships in the collegiate and professional ranks. This past summer alone, ECU undergraduates garnered intern opportunities with the Atlanta Falcons, Cleveland Browns, Indianapolis Colts, Detroit Shock (WNBA) and Kinston Indians. Additionally, Assistant Athletics Director for Medical Services Mike Hanley was named the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) 2009 College/University Head Athletic Trainer of the Year after earning the NATA North Carolina College/University Athletic Trainer-of-the-Year accolade in 2005.

"We are so very proud of our graduates," ECU Athletic Training Program Director Katie Walsh said. "It is a great feeling to know high school athletes are provided with the excellent medical care that we teach all of our students."

Ask the Sports Editor

Any questions on ECU, professional or other collegiate sports? Have any comment or concerns? Drop a line to sports@theeastcarolinian.com and perhaps a response to your question will appear in future editions of TEC.



Patrick Pinkney (left), Van Eskridge (middle) and Matt Dodge (right) are all vital to ECU's success on and off the field this year. All three have been nominated for major award watch lists this season and are poised for breakout years.

ECU depth chart loaded with talent from top to bottom

A comprehensive look at the Pirates by position

Addison Harvey
STAFF WRITER

As Skip Holtz and company continue to prepare for kickoff against Appalachian State on Sept. 5, we figured it would be the perfect time to break down the roster and give you names to look out for in 2009.

QUARTERBACKS

The Pirates return two-year starting quarterback Patrick Pinkney for the 2009 season.

Pinkney, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA, enters this season at the helm of the Pirate offense. The 6-foot signal caller has been in every kind of situation in his two years as ECU's starter and there will not be much opposing defenses can throw that he will not be able to react to.

Pinkney passed for 2,675 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

Backing up the talented senior is a job that is up in the air with the departure of Rob Kass, who has made the switch to tight end. Redshirt freshman Josh Jordan and true freshman Rio Johnson have battled throughout summer practice.

Neither has taken a snap in a live college football game but whoever is named the Pirates second-string quarterback will be more than capable to step in and relieve Pinkney.

RUNNING BACK

No other position player besides the quarterback touches the ball more than the running back and the Pirates' backfield is loaded with talent for the upcoming season.

The Pirates' running backs that are vying for playing time are senior Dominique Lindsay, sophomore Brandon Jackson, junior Jonathan Williams, junior Norman Whitley, senior Darnel Ballard and junior college transfer Giovanni Ruffin.

All six running backs will compete for carries this season and all are very talented.

Even though Whitley led the Pirates in rushing yards last season, accumulating 722 yards, he enters the season behind Lindsay and Jackson on the depth chart due to injuries.

Lindsay and Jackson emerged from camp as the projected starters for week one against Appalachian State but the other five will likely also see action against the Mountaineers.

WIDE RECEIVER

The Pirates look to be as talented at wide receiver as they are at running back. Offensive coordinator Todd Fitch will have

a sleuth of weapons at his disposal for the upcoming season.

Junior all-purpose wide receiver Dwayne Harris, seniors Reyn Willis, Alex Taylor and Jamar Bryant will highlight the Pirates wide receiver core.

Harris led all Pirate wide receivers last season in receiving yards hauling in 654 yards.

Along with their solid group of seniors, wide receiver coach Donnie Kirkpatrick is going to use sophomores Darryl Freeney and Joe Womack, who both had stellar freshman years for the Pirates in 2008.

The combo gathered in 582 yards combined in their respective rookie seasons.

One player that may surprise Pirate fans is redshirt freshman Andrew Bodenheimer. The 6-foot-3 wide receiver could have a break out as a freshman and develop into a valuable asset for the Pirates in the future.

TIGHT END

The loss of star tight end Davon Drew is one of a few key losses for Coach Holtz and his staff entering this season. Drew was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the 2009 NFL draft and is about to get his professional career under way.

Senior Kevin Gidrey gained valuable experience last season as Drew's backup and he looks primed to take over the reigns as the Pirates go to tight end.

Sophomore Michael Byrd will also take some reps with the first team, as he is one of two returning tight ends from last year's team.

The Pirates have a lot of new faces at tight end this year looking to make an immediate impact. Senior Rob Kass moved over from quarterback to tight end in the offseason and he has been impressive throughout pre-season practice.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Over the past few years there have been a few players that have become common faces on the ECU offensive line.

When someone thinks of the Pirates offensive line names such as Cory Dowless, D.J. Scott, Terrance Campbell, Doug Palmer and Sean Allen come to mind.

Some younger linemen such as sophomore Steven Baker and juniors Willie Smith and Doug Polochak need to contribute in the upcoming season if the Pirates are going to have another successful season.

Seniors T.J. Harper and Stephen Heis will also play key roles as backups in the upcoming season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The performance of ECU's defensive line led by Defensive Line Coach Rock Roggeman and Defensive Coordinator Greg

Hudson over the past few years has been stellar and this year's group looks like it will keep the tradition going.

Led by preseason Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year C.J. Wilson, the Pirates defensive line is going to be tough to crack in 2009.

On the opposite side of the line defensive end Scotty Robinson enters his senior campaign as the other starting defensive end.

Along with Robinson and Wilson, two talented defensive tackles in Jay Ross and Linval Joesch highlight the defensive line. Ross recorded 48 tackles and five sacks as a junior.

The talent level doesn't drop off much after the starters with senior Josh Smith, sophomores Antonio Allison and Maurice Mercer and converted former linebacker Cliff Perryman all projected to play key roles on the line.

LINEBACKER

The Pirates linebacker core features a group of players that played key roles in last years Conference USA championship run. The trio of seniors that enter the 2009 season as starters are Nick Johnson, Jeremy Chambliss and Chris Mattocks.

This is going to be the first full season at linebacker for Mattocks who switched from safety to linebacker in the middle of last season.

Chambliss and Johnson have been mainstays on Coach Hudson defense throughout their entire career at ECU.

Johnson led the Pirates defense in tackles last season recording 102 tackles playing in all of the Pirates fourteen games, while Chambliss recorded 60 tackles in 14 games last season.

Key reserves for the 2009 season include sophomores Matt Thompson, Austin Haynes, Steve Spence and juniors Dustin Lineback and Melvin Patterson.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD

One of the strengths of the 2009 ECU football team is their experienced defensive backs and safeties.

Juniors Dekota Marshall and Travis Simmons have contributed over the past few years and the dynamic duo enter the season as the starting defensive backs.

2008 Conference USA All-Conference First Team selection Van Eskridge returns for his senior season will hopes of having a better season than his all-conference junior campaign.

The Shelby native led the Pirates in interceptions as a junior and will be a great leader

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Wilson anchors battled tested defensive line

Michael Perry
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

While browsing through Dowdy Student Store, U.B.E. or one of the local sports shops, you are sure to come across a purple No.95 ECU jersey this season.

Without a name on the jersey, many casual ECU fans would become lost in thought searching their mind for this player.

Not drawing a clear face or name, like that of starting quarterback Patrick Pinkney's No. 15, the No. 95 jersey is just as vital as it anchors one of the most hyped ECU defensive units in recent memory.

Opposing quarterbacks have come to know that purple No.95 well as the man wearing it, C.J. Wilson, has become a seemingly household name amongst diehard college football fans.

Wilson, a Redshirt Senior defensive end for the Pirates, has been coined as the anchor of a ruthless ECU defensive line.



Seen here sacking Houston quarterback Case Keenum in last season's 41-24 ECU loss, C.J. Wilson has made a habit of terrorizing opposing offenses. The redshirt senior was named Conference USA preseason Defensive-Player-of-the-Year.

ECU soccer comes back to take down VCU, 2-1



Senior tri-captain Jessica Swanson, seen here against SMU last year, netted the game-winning goal for ECU in last Friday's 2-1 comeback win over VCU.

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After falling behind 1-0 less than five minutes into the second half, the ECU soccer team responded with two quick goals to defeat Virginia Commonwealth 2-1 at Bunting Field on Friday afternoon in the season-opening game for both teams. Senior tri-captain Jessica Swanson netted the game-winning goal at 60:47 into the contest after freshman Rachel Wechsler had the tying goal just over five minutes earlier. The

triumph marks the third straight year in which the Pirates have won their first game of the season.

With the victory, ECU's program record is now at .500 for just the second time, at 131-131-30.

The only other time the soccer program was at .500 was before last season's Conference USA Championship Game, which ECU lost to Memphis 4-1.

"The thing I'm most happy about tonight is that we came back after being down 1-0 to a very good VCU team," head

coach Rob Donnenwirth stated. "After they scored their goal, we were able to turn on the pressure. I thought our forwards played well and were causing VCU some problems and our goalkeepers also did a nice job."

In the first half, the teams combined for just six shots, with the Pirates taking five of them. Azania registered the only shot for VCU at the 27:30 mark, but ECU's starting goalkeeper, Jen Kurowicki, made the save. Amanda Malkiewicz and Chrissy Gratz

took two shots apiece in the half for ECU while Wechsler tallied the other. The Pirates' best scoring chance in the opening period came 20 minutes in, when Malkiewicz broke loose but was stopped by VCU keeper Kate Hudson.

The Rams started fast in the second half, taking two close-in shots just two minutes into the frame. ECU goalie Berit Hansen, who started the second half in place of Kurowicki, stopped a shot by Jasmine Riley and then received some help from the goal post when VCU hit it trying to stuff home the rebound. Hansen stopped Riley again just over two minutes later, but this time Riley collected her own rebound and sent it past Hansen to put the Rams up 1-0 at 49:30.

ECU did not wait long to respond, as 5:50 later Wechsler scored her first career goal, knocking in a rebound off a shot from Malkiewicz. Gratz was also credited with an assist on the goal.

"Rachel Wechsler covers a lot of ground and passes very well," Donnenwirth said. "She had her goal and then the assist on Swanson's game-winner. A great job by a freshman."

After the Wechsler goal, the offense continued as Swanson received Wechsler's throw-in and headed the ball past Hudson for the game-winner at 60:47. The goal was the fifth game-winner in Swanson's career.

The defense took over from there, as it held the Rams without a shot after Riley's goal. Hansen picked up the win, the first of her career, in goal for the Pirates as she made two saves.

The Pirates now have nine days off before heading to Boiling Springs to face Gardner-Webb at 2 p.m. on Aug. 30. Last season in Greenville, ECU downed the Bulldogs 2-0 in the first-ever meeting between the two programs.



Thought to be retired until a sudden announcement last week that he was returning to play for the Minnesota Vikings, Brett Favre has infuriated Green Bay Packer fans that now consider their former quarterback a traitor.

The Farce of Favre

John Gage
STAFF WRITER



of a 16-game NFL regular season, he has done a complete 180 (again) and deemed himself capable of successfully leading the Vikings as their starting quarterback.

Allow me to be the guy who deems him incapable.

For all of you football junkies out there who have been wondering "will he or won't he" throughout this offseason; the guessing game is over.

Brett Favre will once again attempt to defy Father Time and the curfew policy at the Hattiesburg Rest Home to come back and play yet another season of football in the NFL.

And who is the lucky team that will receive the services of the 40-year-old gunslinger?

It just so turned out to be the Minnesota Vikings; none other than his old perennial rival as a Green Bay Packer.

Barely a month after saying that he would not be able to hold up to the physical and mental strain

of a 16-game NFL regular season, he has done a complete 180 (again) and deemed himself capable of successfully leading the Vikings as their starting quarterback. Allow me to be the guy who deems him incapable. OK sure, he had his typical Favre-like moments with the Jets, including a six touchdown masterpiece in week four against the Super Bowl runner-up's Arizona Cardinals as well as leading the Jets on an impressive five-game win streak that included victories over the Patriots and Titans.

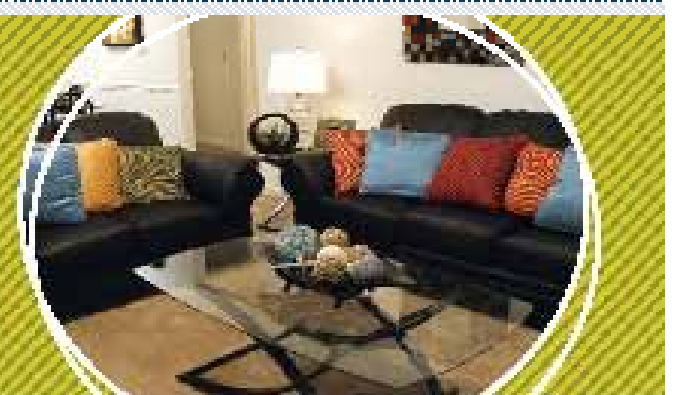
But even more evident was the fatigue that set in as the season wore on, with Favre producing a lackluster 9-13 touchdown-to-interception ratio over the second half of the season and completing only 50 percent of his passes while tossing three picks in a disappointing playoff loss to

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Pirates Complete '09 Preseason Camp

Staff Reports

Head Coach Skip Holtz officially completed his fifth fall camp at ECU as the Pirates wrapped up the NCAA-recognized preseason period with a two-and-a-half-hour, full pad workout Monday afternoon inside the Cliff Moore Practice Complex.

After the Pirates hit the field for their regular individual group and kicking sessions, Holtz guided his squad through a physical 90-minute 11-on-11 enhanced team-on-team segment that pitted all three offensive and defensive units against one another. Highlighting the offense was a 40-yard TD reception by senior Dominique Lindsay from senior Patrick Pinkney and a pair of 50-plus-yard scoring runs by juniors Jonathan Williams and Norman Whitley.

With the start of classes Tuesday, ECU will return to its in-season schedule which regularly will include daily 4:00 p.m. practices Tuesday through Thursday with an off day each Monday.

"It was the last day of camp and it was a doozie," Holtz said. "We went 26 periods and had a pretty spirited practice. We got in a lot of team work and a lot of hitting."

"We put them in a bunch of different situations," Holtz added. "We did some red-zone work and then put them inside the 10-yard

line and worked on some things in there. We also in got some team pressure, and at the end, we were able to some four-minute offense where you're trying to make a first down to win the game and the defense is trying to stop you."

The Pirates will now focus their attention toward the final scrimmage of the preseason, set for Friday afternoon at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. After an off-day Saturday, East Carolina will begin its traditional game week schedule in earnest with a Sunday night workout in helmets and shorts beginning at 8:30 p.m.

In addition to serving as a dress rehearsal for the opener against Appalachian State, Holtz indicated that Friday's contest will also afford him and his staff one last opportunity to evaluate personnel on both sides of the ball before releasing his first official game-week depth chart.

"I'm really ready to get into our weekly routines," Holtz added. "I'm ready to have everybody go to class, get adjusted and get acclimated to our weekly schedule. On the other hand, I also wish we had another week of camp. We need it just as long as we can keep the guys healthy. We need to continue to get better and get that extra work in with so many of the young players who are stepping up into back-up roles for us."



LaShawn Merritt of the United States reacts after he anchored the US team to the gold medal in the final of the Men's 4x400m relay during the World Athletics Championships in Berlin on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009.

Merritt adds more gold to his collection at the world championships

AP

Former ECU track star LaShawn Merritt raised the metallic blue baton high in the air as he crossed the finish line. Sanya Richards went with a simple flicking motion.

Both fine ways to celebrate a gold medal.

Bottom line? Both still had the stick in their hands at the finish.

The Americans got the baton around the track in the finals last Sunday, leading to a 1,600-meter relay sweep to close out the world championships.

"Did you think anything less?" said Angelo Taylor, who ran a strong lead leg.

Well, the U.S. relays have had their share of foibles. This weekend at the worlds, the men's 400 team was disqualified for making an exchange outside the allowable zone, and then the women's squad didn't finish after Muna Lee pulled up with a hamstring injury.

It all happened on the heels of the Olympics in Beijing, when the two sprint relay teams dropped the stick.

The Americans, though, had sticky fingers Sunday. That baton wasn't going anywhere.

"We don't want to harp on it," Richards said. "I think sometimes

if you put too much thought into it, it makes it too much of a challenge. We all know you get that stick and you have 400 meters to do whatever. We don't put too much emphasis on that handoff."

Merritt, Kerron Clement, Allyson Felix and Richards each won a second title Sunday at the world championships.

Felix, though, might have had a third. She was scheduled to run in the finals of the 400 relay before Lee went down with an injury.

"I'm definitely disappointed that I didn't get a chance to run in the (400 relay) final," Felix said. "But this was quite easy. I feel like we ran very well."

Against the Jamaicans, too, which hasn't happened often.

But the 1,600 relay isn't exactly the Jamaicans' specialty.

No, that would be the sprints.

In that department, the Caribbean island again dominated the Americans. Jamaica won five of the six sprint events at worlds, a streak that was only interrupted when Felix won her third straight world title in the 200.

The Americans did top the medal standings, winning 10 gold and 22 overall. That's down from two years ago in Osaka, Japan, when the U.S. captured 26

Jamaica and Russia were next as each had 13 overall medals.

"Any other team in the world who had (our) kind of linescore would be going back to ticker-tape parades," said Doug Logan, CEO of USA Track and Field.

But this is the U.S., and expectations are loftier.

"I take on that expectation happily," Logan said.

Even when Usain Bolt isn't running, he still picks up honors. Bolt received a huge piece of the Berlin Wall on Sunday.

The Jamaican leaves the championships with two more world records as he obliterated his marks in the 100 and 200, shaving .11 seconds off each. He also won another crown in the 400 relay.

"The world championships were an outstanding event for me," Bolt said.

No one could challenge him, but the Americans still remain hopeful.

"We're going to chase him and we're going to catch him," Logan said. "He may be 43 by the time we catch him, but we're going to catch him."

American Brittney Reese's title in the long jump came as a surprise even to her. She beat

defending champion Tatyana Lebedeva of Russia with a jump of 23 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

"I know everybody was banking on (Lebedeva)," Reese said. "This is exciting."

Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele used a furious kick down the back stretch to unseat American runner Bernard Lagat as world champion in the 5,000.

It was a gritty performance by Lagat, who competed with four stitches near his left ankle after being stepped on by a spike in a preliminary round.

With his ankle numbed up to dull the pain, Lagat bolted with the finish line in sight, pulling neck-and-neck with Bekele. But Bekele surged ahead with 30 meters left for the win — his second of the nine-day championships after the 10,000.

"I gave it all I had," said Lagat, who also won bronze in the 1,500. "I really wanted to retain my title, and wanted to defend it really, really bad. There was nothing more important than for me to defend my title. However, after the finish, after I realized that I lost to a great champion, I wasn't disappointed."

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Listed at 6'4" 278, Wilson possesses a lethal trifecta of strength, size and speed.

"He has special skills for his size, and he's got great athletic ability" ECU defensive coordinator Greg Hudson said.

"He still has the speed of a linebacker (referring to Wilson playing linebacker in high school) and he still plays the game like he's out in the backyard."

Due to four years of on field production Wilson has earned several preseason accolades. Among them, He has been named as a candidate for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End-of-the-Year-Award and Conference USA coaches voted him the Preseason Defensive-Player-of-the-Year.

Also, he been named to the Bronko Nagurski Award watch list and he is one of three Pirates named to the Lombardi Award watch list.

Last season, Wilson aided ECU as it captured the programs first C-USA Championship and notched wins over national powerhouses Virginia Tech and West Virginia. Wilson led all Pirate defensive linemen in tackles with

70 and also tallied 10.5 sacks.

As intimidating as Wilson looks from the stands of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, he is all the more so in person, yet despite his large stature and on the field tenacity, Wilson possesses a personable and modest off-field demeanor.

Both coaches and teammate spoke of his great attitude and love for football.

"C.J. is a great player, he inspires me to go out at every practice," senior defensive lineman Jay Ross said.

Not only is the connection and respect for Wilson evident within his line mates, it is mutual throughout the entire defensive unit.

"He's a great player, great leader, great person to be around," senior defensive back Van Eskridge said. "(He is) just a positive guy, and he's very passionate about the game of football."

Even with the recognition of his No.95 jersey being sold around Greenville, Wilson has maintained a focus and anxiousness that he hopes carries over to a stellar 2009 season.

"I knew how hard it got to get here and it keeps me humble,"

Wilson said. "Coach Holtz always tells me stay hungry yet humble."

Wilson, a native of Belhaven, N.C., described his parents as his main source of support and spoke of the impact his faith has played in his life as a person and an athlete.

"Most of my success started with my parents," Wilson said "And my dad and my mom were always staying on me about praying, believing and having faith. It relates a lot to a football field and believing in your teammates."

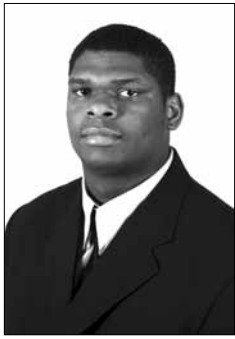
Wilson, who has been known for his work ethic, has been just as hungry in the classroom, as he went from being from delayed eligibility to a three-year member of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll as a communication major.

In all aspects of his life it seems that Wilson puts forth his best effort and strives to better himself while staying grounded.

As the Pirates take the field this season pay attention to the aggressive pass rusher wearing the purple No. 95.

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C.J. WILSON



- Conference USA Preseason Defensive Player of the Year
- Ted Hendrick Defensive End of the Year Award candidate
- Bronko Nagurski Award candidate (Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year)
- Lombardi Award watch list candidate (Offensive/Defensive Lineman of the Year)
- 21.5 Career Sacks
- 135 Career Tackles
- 35 Career Tackles for Lost Yardage
- Second-longest Active Starting Streak in the ECU program

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on the defense during his senior season.

N.C. State transfer Levin Neal enters his senior year as the projected starter at strong safety. Neal has yet to wear the purple and gold in a game but his experience playing in the ACC is a valuable commodity for the Pirates defensive backfield in 2009.

Some vital players that will come off the bench and significantly contribute are junior Darryl Reynolds, sophomores Emmanuel Davis, Devon Wallace and Derek Blacknall as well as redshirt fresh-

man Justin Venable, Leonard Paulk and Rahkeem Morgan.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Pirates return both their starting kicker and punter for the second consecutive season.

Senior Matt Dodge will handle the punting duties again and he was selected as a member of the Ray Guy Award Watch List, which is given to the nation's top punter.

Senior Ben Hartman enters his senior campaign after a solid

junior season where he connected on 68 percent of his field goals.

The Winston-Salem native was selected as a member of the Lou Groza Award watch list, which is given to the nation's top placekicker.

Junior long snapper William Smith will replace long time starter Wilson Raynor and handle the snapping duties for the 2009 season.

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the Dolphins.

That is pretty good evidence that Favre and his legendary arm cannot hold up to the rigors of an entire NFL season anymore.

Heck, he said it himself only a couple of weeks ago.

So am I supposed to believe that Favre, a year older, having not practiced with the team all summer and not even reporting to training camp, is supposed to show up with an extremely average receiving corps (save Bernard Berrian) and play like it's 1995 again?

No, it's not happening.

In fact, I hate to see this because the truth is I did like the guy when he was with Green Bay. He was a steady, reliable leader, noted for high character and stellar passing performances.

He was, in every sense of the word, a hero in Green Bay. If he could have simply walked off into the sunset and called it a great career, everything would have

been fine, but, unfortunately, he just couldn't do that.

You really can't blame the Vikings for taking this chance. I mean, let's face it, AARP membership aside, an aging, inconsistent Brett Favre is still a heck of a lot better than a completely healthy Sage Rosenfels or Tavaris Jackson.

Plus, with the Vikings already possessing the NFL's best running back in Adrian Peterson and one of the league's strongest defenses, looking for a better option at quarterback would be the obvious move to make, and there will no doubt be those who feel that with Favre, the Vikings are now legit Super Bowl contenders.

While that may be the case, it won't be because of Brett.

His meltdown down the stretch with the Jets shows that he is far removed from the clutch Favre of old and that, at the most, he provides a veteran presence and good leadership.

He may not be accepted at first; however, as there have been numerous grumbings about the fact that he signed at a point where he would not have to go to training camp or participate in two-a-days. This will probably hurt the chemistry he has with his team and could produce a slow start to the season.

For the sake of such a memorable legacy, it would be great to see the guy come back and perform like he did in his glory days, but with all the questions surrounding him; I just don't see it happening.

So all of you Favre fans who are anticipating the storybook ending to a Hall-of-Fame career can go ahead and turn the page.

Favre will not be the Brett you remember in Minnesota.

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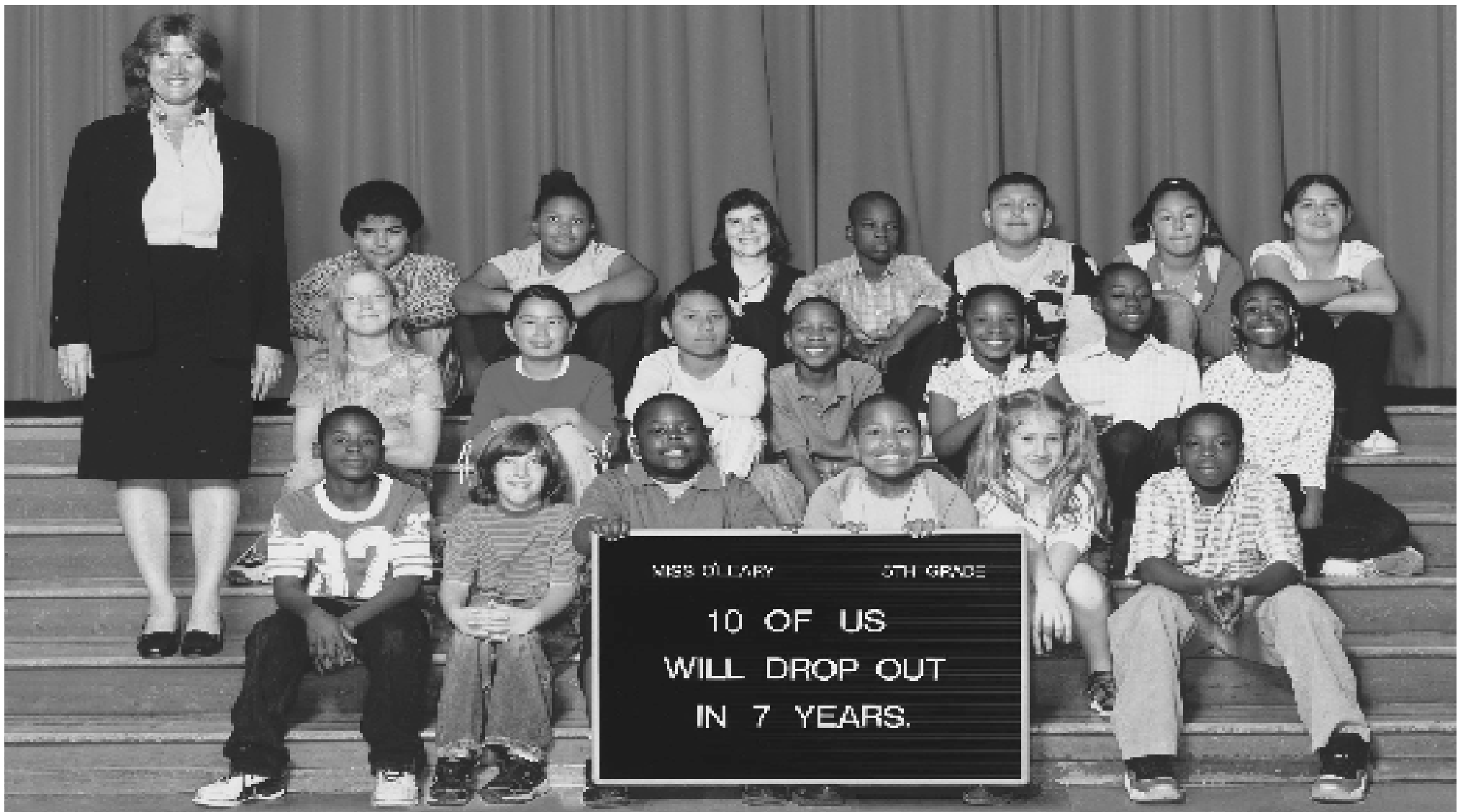
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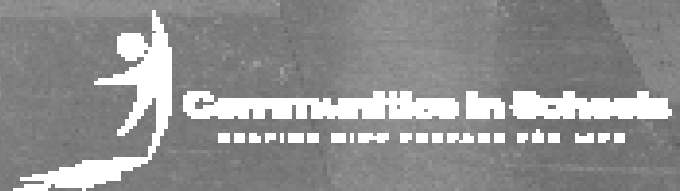
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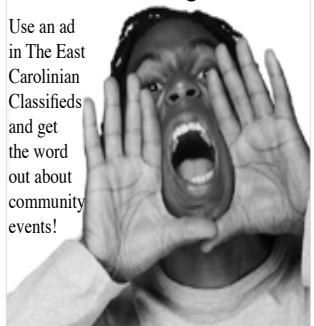
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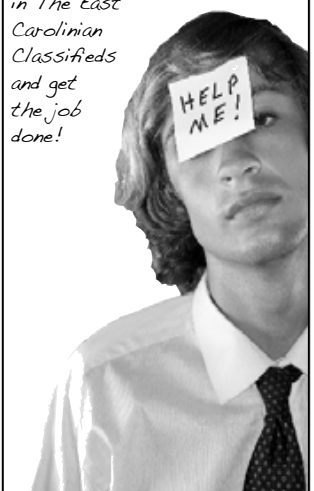
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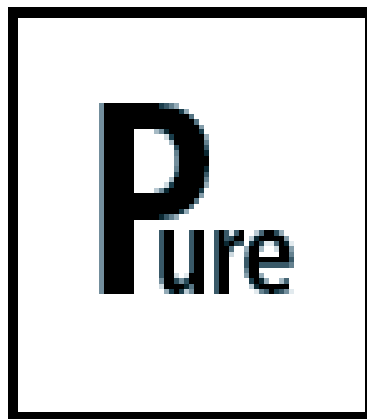
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